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January 1st, Paris:

Hereafter the Popes shall swear allegiance to me, as they did to Charlemagne and his predecessors. They will not be inducted until after my consent, as the use was for the Emperors of Constantinople to confirm them. But from the present Pope I demand nothing; I ask him for no oath, not even to recognise the annexation of Rome to France; I have no need for it.

17th, Trianon:

(To Josephine.) D'Audenarde, whom I sent to you this morning, tells me that since you reached Malmaison all your courage has gone. And yet the place is full of our love, which must and can never change, at least on my side. I want to see you very much; but I must be sure that you will be strong and not weak; I feel the same way, a little, myself, and it makes me suffer horribly. Good-bye, Josephine, good-night; you would be ingrate to doubt me.

February 6th, Paris:

A council was held a few days back at which opinions were divided as to the Russian and Austrian princesses.

(To Champagny.) I must ask you to get the courier off to Russia, according to my instructions, before going to bed. Do not mention to-night's session. To-morrow night, after you have concluded with Prince Schwarzen-berg, you will send off a second one, announcing that I